

commitment and a desire to help others that is not just admirable, but contagious. Indeed, the food drive that was once run out of his shop has grown today to need a warehouse.

In addition to being a committed community member, Val is a loving husband and devoted father. He and his wife, Mary, recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary, and Val's family members share in his mission of giving, enabling Val's Needy Family Fund to be a year-round effort. With his dedication to the hungry and less-fortunate, Val has done and continues to do our great state of Delaware an immeasurable service.

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Val's Needy Family Fund, I would like to recognize the unequalled devotion of Valentino W. Nardo, Sr. Val has given his time, his energy, and his heart in support of Delawareans. His influence and contributions have reached far and wide, affecting all of our communities. I commend Mr. Nardo for his tireless dedication and look forward to his continued success in serving those in need.

**CONGRATULATING EAGLE SCOUT  
BRADLEY GARR FOR RECEIVING  
THE SILVER HORNADAY MEDAL**

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 3, 2009*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bradley Garr, a young Eagle Scout from my district, for his inspiring and conscientious efforts to protect Arizona's fragile Sonoran Desert.

Bradley, an 8th grader at Copper Ridge Middle School in Scottsdale, recently developed and led a day-long conservation effort to remove and relocate cacti and other delicate desert plants along a major power line corridor. The plants would otherwise be destroyed to provide maintenance access to the lines.

Bradley first built a partnership between the Boy Scouts, the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, Arizona Public Service and the City of Scottsdale. He then led a team of more than 50 volunteers to complete the work. This was Bradley's fourth major conservation project completed as part of his Eagle Scout responsibilities. In addition, Bradley is also a past winner of the Boy Scouts Medal of Heroism for helping his father, Bill Garr, pull a woman from a wrecked and burning vehicle two years ago.

For his outstanding conservation and environmental efforts, the Boy Scouts of America have nominated Bradley for the prestigious Silver Hornaday Medal. Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Bradley on these outstanding accomplishments and in wishing him well in his future endeavors.

**HONORING THE KEARNEY HIGH  
SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 3, 2009*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise to congratulate Coach Greg Jones and

the Kearney High School football team for winning the Missouri Class 4 state championship. The Bulldogs, led by seniors Tyler Funk, Stephen Juergens, Joe Windsor and many others, displayed the work ethic, teamwork, and sportsmanship of true champions during their 27–15 victory Friday afternoon.

After two disappointing early season defeats, this team pulled together and let their true colors show by winning their final 10 games and a state title. A state championship not only reflects the outcome of one final game but also the hard work and dedication these young men have shown over several years. I join the entire Kearney community in expressing how very proud we are of the success the players and coaches of the Kearney football team have attained.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you join with me in commending the Kearney Bulldogs on their state championship.

**A TRIBUTE TO OREGON CATTLEMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT  
BILL MOORE**

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, December 3, 2009*

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share with you and my colleagues the story of Bill Moore and his life-long efforts in support of agriculture and the western ranching industry. Bill is the president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, OCA, and a tremendous friend to rural America. At the end of this week, Bill will turn over his gavel to another to lead this fine organization but he will continue his leadership in the field of agriculture. Before he relinquishes his current role, I would like to pay tribute to his leadership over the last several years.

A long list of organizations have recognized Bill's enduring support and promotion of the agriculture community's continued viability. Prior to serving as OCA president, Bill served as president of the Malheur County Cattlemen's Association. In his current role as leader for family ranchers throughout Oregon, he serves on the National Cattlemen's Beef Association board of directors. He was honored by the Ontario Oregon Chamber of Commerce in 2000 as the Agriculturalist of the Year. He has served on the local Farmer's Supply Cooperative board of directors, the Burnt River Irrigation District's board of directors and, in what is surely one of the most difficult positions anyone can have, as a member of the Burnt River School District budget board.

During his tenure as OCA president, Bill promoted and protected the interests of the cattle ranchers of Oregon. He initiated a new "Positive Producer Image Project," which utilizes a combination of traditional media and DVD production to showcase the valuable impacts ranchers have on Oregon's economy, wildlife, clean water, open space, and cultural heritage. This is the first ever video created by OCA, and it has received national accolades and become the blueprint for other states to follow as they also embark on positive producer image projects.

Born in Ontario, Oregon to William and Christine Moore, Bill has a rich history in eastern Oregon. Bill grew up with his five brothers

and sisters on a small family ranch near Vale, Oregon. After high school, Bill graduated with honors from Oregon State University with a bachelor of science degree in wildlife management in 1977. He worked for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for 5 years during and after college. In 1978 Bill married Nancy Ingle and that same year they began their own cattle herd with the purchase of eight cows. They leased land and began to grow their business. During the growth years, Bill worked for Arco Seed Company eventually becoming vice president in charge of seed production. Bill later owned his own seed distribution company.

In 1999, Bill and Nancy purchased a ranch near Unity, Oregon where they now center their ranching operation. It is truly a family operation where they have very little hired or outside help and rely on the American tradition of neighbor-helping-neighbor and family-helping-family to grow their business. Bill and Nancy have two children and three grandchildren which they treasure. Bill and Nancy take great pride and joy seeing yet another generation value and learn the ranching business and lifestyle that has meant so much to them.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Bill Moore, who has served so ably as president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.

**ENHANCED S.E.C. ENFORCEMENT  
AUTHORITY ACT**

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 2, 2009*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I stand here today in support of H.R. 2873, the Enhanced S.E.C. Enforcement Authority Act, which will give the Securities and Exchange Commission, SEC, nationwide service of process. I support this legislation because I believe that it is important that the agency responsible for oversight of our financial system have the necessary tools for legal action against potential violations of the law.

I would like to first thank my colleague, Congressman JOHN CAMPBELL, for introducing this valuable piece of legislation. On December 11, 2008, nearly one year ago, Bernard Madoff was arrested for securities fraud, money laundering, and perjury in one of the largest Ponzi schemes in the history of this country. Estimates of the magnitude of the Madoff scheme were between \$50 and \$65 billion. The presiding judge in the case declared the crimes, "extraordinary evil." Congress and the American people were appalled by this scandal. The country wondered how our regulatory agencies could fail to recognize fraud of this magnitude for so long.

In the year since the Madoff scandal first came to light, both the Securities and Exchange Commission and Congress have worked to enhance the ability of the SEC to conduct oversight. Internal procedures have been reformed to make it easier for the SEC to open investigations into violations of securities law. New personnel at the SEC, such as the Director of Enforcement, have been hired to ensure that oversight efforts were carried out with the appropriate level of enthusiasm.